

Council Updates

Happy Holidays!

All GSHG offices and shops (with the exception of the Albany Girl Scout DreamLab) will be closed December 23–January 4 while we take a little break to celebrate the season. Can't wait to kick off more adventures in the new year!

Albany Girl Scout DreamLab Holiday Hours:

12/23: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	12/26: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	12/29: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	1/1: closed
12/24: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.	12/27: closed	12/30: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.	
12/25: closed	12/28: closed	12/31: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	

Troop Monthly Report

Don't forget to send in your Troop Report by the 15th each month! It's a fun way to share all the amazing things your girls have been up to, and it helps us to share the Girl Scout experience in a vivid way. The new form is quicker, easier, and way more user-friendly—and here's a bonus: the Service Unit with the highest completion rate will get a special shout-out in 5 on Friday!



We'd also love your feedback! If you have ideas to make the form even smoother to use, pass them along to Rick Lemyre at rlemyre@gshg.org.

We're hiring!

At Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia, every role helps build girls of courage, confidence, and character who make the world a better place. If you or someone you know is passionate about helping girls grow into their best selves and wants to be part of meaningful, mission-driven work, we'd love to have you on our team! Explore open positions and learn how to apply on our [website](#).



Camp Tanglewood Update

We're happy to share that the rebuilding of Camp Tanglewood is officially underway! This special camp has been a longtime home-away-from-home for Girl Scouts across Georgia. Hurricane Helene caused significant damage to cabins, program areas, and some of the gathering spaces our girls love most, but brighter days are ahead!



As we begin this fresh chapter, we'd love for our Girl Scout family to follow along and be part of the journey. To learn more about the project or support the rebuilding efforts, visit our [donation page!](#)

Membership Updates

Troop Travel Reminder

Don't forget to fill out the form and obtain approval for your troop trips! Doing so ensures your troop is covered by GSUSA's insurance and helps keep your bank account in good standing. Keep your trips safe, fun, and fully approved!



Operational Volunteer Policies

The updated Operational Volunteer Policies and Procedures are here! You can now find the latest version on our website.

Girl Scout Experience Boxes

It's easier than ever to lead the way with the Girl Scout Experience Box. As a Daisy or Brownie Girl Scout troop leader, you can receive complimentary meeting supplies delivered to your doorstep each month of the troop year!



Daisy Experience Box:

The Daisy Experience Box is available to new Daisy troops with at least 4 registered Daisy Girl Scouts.



Brownie Experience Box:

The Brownie Experience Box is available to new Brownie troops—including those brand new to Girl Scouts and those bridging to their first year of Brownies—with at least 4 registered Brownie Girl Scouts.

Volunteer Development Updates

Ready, Set, Troop!

3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

Are you a first-year Girl Scout troop leader? Join GSHG each month for Ready, Set, Troop!—a series of one-hour virtual sessions designed just for our First-Year Troop Leadership Team volunteers.

Each month features a new theme focused on timely topics to help you lead your troop with confidence. You'll have the chance to learn, ask questions, and connect with other new troop leaders across our council.

December's Topic: Girl Scout Cookies!! — Learn about helpful tools for your first cookie program season!

This month's meeting will take place on December 15, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



Register here!



2026 Outdoor Trainings

Get ready to head outdoors! Our 2026 Outdoor Trainings are coming up soon, and they're the perfect way for volunteers to gain confidence and learn the skills needed to lead Girl Scouts on fun, safe outdoor adventures. From campfire cooking and tent pitching to safety tips and planning unforgettable troop activities, these trainings have you covered. Stay tuned for registration details!

Camp Low Challenge Course Facilitator Training- High & Low Elements- Savannah - Region 3

Friday, January 16, 2026 - Sunday, January 18, 2026

This training certifies adult facilitators to operate the zipline and rock wall at Camp Low in Savannah, GA. The course also includes instruction on low elements. Participants must be registered members of Girl Scouts.



GRIT (Grow, Rise, Inspire, Train) Adult Training Weekend- Augusta - Region 2

Friday, March 27, 2026 - Sunday, March 29, 2026

Join us this spring for GRIT, our newest adult training weekend at Camp Tanglewood! Spend the weekend learning new skills, connecting with fellow volunteers, and enjoying a full lineup of classes including Songs & S'mores, Basic Water Rescue/Small Craft Safety, Archery, Advanced Cooking, enrichment sessions, and more. Camp Tanglewood is currently in a rebuilding season following last year's storms, so we'll be tent camping for this event—bringing an extra touch of adventure to the weekend!



****Registration coming soon.***

Basic Outdoor Skills - Athens - Region 1

Friday, April 24, 2026 - Saturday, April 25, 2026

Basic Outdoor Skills prepares leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide Girl Scouts through an outdoor overnight experience. This course covers the eight essential outdoor skills and is required for any trip involving outdoor cooking, campfires, or sleeping in the great outdoors. By completing this training, leaders gain the practical experience needed to help girls safely explore and enjoy their first outdoor adventures.



Basic Water Rescue and Small Watercraft Training - Effingham County - Region 3

Saturday, May 2, 2026

In this training, we'll learn what's needed to safely take Girl Scouts canoeing or kayaking. Topics will include basic water rescue techniques, safety procedures and equipment, instruction in canoe and kayak strokes and techniques, and what you need to prepare girls for a day trip on the water. We'll cover safety information and travel on the water ourselves. Bring a bag lunch, water, and suitable clothing.





Basic Outdoor Skills - Savannah - Region 3 Saturday, May 2, 2026 - Sunday, May 3, 2026

Basic Outdoor Skills prepares leaders with the knowledge and confidence to guide Girl Scouts through an outdoor overnight experience. This course covers the eight essential outdoor skills and is required for any trip involving outdoor cooking, campfires, or sleeping in the great outdoors. By completing this training, leaders gain the practical experience needed to help girls safely explore and enjoy their first outdoor adventures.

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Product Program Updates

Mark your calendars!

Don't miss a single sweet moment of the 2026 cookie season—check out the [2026 Cookie Program Calendar](#) for all the important dates, deadlines, and events coming your way! Be in the know, stay organized, and get ready for a Brave! Fierce! Fun! season full of cookies, friends, and Girl Scout adventures!



Hey Service Unit Product Program Managers!

Take a peek at pages 5–10 of your Cookbook for helpful tips, clever tricks, and a little extra cookie-season magic to get you ready for the program!

Are YOU ready for cookies?!

Before cookie season kicks off, make sure your Troop Cookie Program Manager is all set! This volunteer must be registered Girl Scouts with a current, approved background check for this membership year. Need to check your status? Give Customer Care a call at 1-888-689-1912.

- You must have the Troop Cookie Program Manager role assigned to you in myGS to gain access to your Troop M2 Media Dashboard and have two non-related, background-checked volunteers assigned to the troop leadership role in myGS.
- Troops with fewer than 5 registered girls in grades K-5 and/or less than 3 registered girls in grades 6-12 may participate in upcoming Product Programs IF they are open in the Troop Catalog. Call Customer Care on 1-888-689-1912 for verification.
- Have your troop bank account set up by the GSHG troop account manager.
- Sign the [2025-2026 Product Program Manager Agreement](#) and [Troop Debt Procedure](#) via JotForm by December 19, 2025.



[Product Program Manager Agreement](#)



[Troop Debt Procedure](#)

Are YOUR GIRL SCOUTS ready for cookies?!

Have adults complete the Parent Checklist! This checklist contains the steps required to participate in the Fall Product Program.

- Register your girl for the current Girl Scout membership year. To verify, call Customer Care at 1-888-689-1912.
- Opt-in to receive emails. Ensure that your correct email address is in your myGS account and verify that you opted-in to receive emails to receive your Girl Scout's online site invite.
- Complete the [2026 Parent Debt Procedure](#) before January 2, 2026. Completion of this form allows for Girl Scouts to receive packages/cases without pre-paying for cookies.
- Submit the [2025-2026 Product Program Parent Permission Form](#) with your troop number, service unit name, and region before January 2, 2026. If you are unsure of this information, please contact your troop leader.
 - For Girl Scouts in multiple troops, you can only participate in one troop for the duration of the cookie program.
 - Submission of any product program forms does not require your participation in either program.



[Parent Debt Procedure](#)



[2025-2026 Product Program Parent Permission Form](#)



Start searching for those cookie booth spots!

It's never too early to start planning where your troop will sell cookies. Connect with your Service Unit Product Program Manager for the forms you need and some handy tips on asking permission. The sooner you start, the sweeter your cookie season will be!

Heads up, cookie superstars!

Council and online Cookie Program Credits from the 2025 season will expire on December 15, 2025. Make sure to use them while they're still fresh!



Program Updates

Cookie Rallies!

Get ready for a Brave! Fierce! Fun! kickoff to cookie season at the 2026 Girl Scout Cookie Rally! Each rally is filled with engaging activities, skill-building opportunities, and plenty of moments for Girl Scouts and volunteers to connect and get energized for the year ahead. You'll learn helpful tips for a strong cookie season, meet our 2026 Cookie Ambassador, pick up easy and safe social media practices, and of course, sample the brand-new cookie before anyone else!

Region 1 - Athens: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Please register by January 2.



Region 4 - Albany: Friday, December 19, 2025

Please register by December 12, 2025.



Region 2 - Augusta: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Please register by January 2.



Region 5 - Columbus: Saturday, December 13, 2025

Please register by November 24.



Region 3 - Savannah: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Multiple sessions available. Please register by January 2.



Region 6 - Macon: Saturday, January 10, 2026

Please register by January 5.



Retail Updates



Shop Closures

Shops will be closed December 23 through January 1 for the holiday season. Don't forget you can shop [Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia online](#) 24/7!



New Cookie Bundles!

Cookie Season is almost here, and we have adorable new Booth Bundles to help your setup shine and boost your sales! Quantities are limited, so snag your bundle while they last!

The G.O.A.T Bundle - \$85.00 (\$100 value)

- Choice of Square or Rectangle Tablecloth
- Cookie Pennant Banner
- Cookie Rectangular Banner 47 x 24
- Cookie Handheld Signs (Set of 4)
- Cookie Money Pouch
- Cookie Thank You Cards (Pack Of 25)
- Cookie Yard Sign & Stake



The Ultimate Sign Bundle - \$45.00 (\$55 value)

- Choice of Square or Rectangle Tablecloth
- Cookie Pennant Banner
- Cookie Rectangular Banner 47 x 24
- Cookie Handheld Signs (Set of 4)
- Cookie Money Pouch
- Cookie Thank You Cards (Pack Of 25)
- Cookie Yard Sign & Stake



The Extreme Wagon Bundle - \$45.00 (\$56 value)

- Cookie Handheld Signs - Set of 4 (2025)
- Cookie Money Pouch (2025)
- Cookie Thank You Cards Pack Of 25 (2025)
- Cookie Yard Sign & Stake (2025)
- Cookie Pennant Banner (2025)



The holidays are here!

Don't forget to stop by your council shops for the perfect stocking stuffers and gifts for your favorite Girl Scout, leader, or alum. You're sure to find something special for everyone on your list.

Upcoming Mobile and Pop-Up Shops:

- 12/2: Augusta Mobile Shop
- 12/13: Columbus Cookie Rally Mobile Shop
- 12/17: Gainesville Mobile Shop
- 12/19: Albany Cookie Rally Mobile Shop



Our next Shop Saturdays will be December 6 and January 3 from 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come visit us at one of our locations!

- Athens Shop: 185 Newton Bridge Road, Athens, GA 30601
- Macon Shop: 6869 Columbus Road, Lizella, GA 31052
- Savannah Shop: 535 E. Liberty Street, Savannah, GA 31401

Meet the Product Program Team and Customer Care Teams!

Questions? Reach out to our staff, or call Customer Care at 888-689-1912 today!

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You can always access our full [staff directory online](#) or call Customer Care at 888-689-1912, and they will direct you to the right person!